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SUBJECT: ZUNO KIDNAPPING

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1. EXCELSIOR'S ULTIMAS NOTICIAS SEPT 6 HEADLINES COMMUNICATION IT RECEIVED SIGNED BY REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF THE PEOPLE (FRAP) CONTAINING A PHOTOGRAPH OF ZUNO STANDING WITH FRAP POSTER IN BACKGROUND.

2. COMMUNICATION, PUBLISHED IN PART, SAYS THAT FRAP HAS ZUNO IN THEIR POSSESSION FOR BEING BOURGEOIS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXPLOITING CLASS IN POWER. THE ACT OF KIDNAPPING THE COMMUNICATION CLAIMS TO BE TRULY REVOLUTIONARY.

3. THE COMMUNICATION ALSO CONTAINED A CASSETTE WHOSE CONTENTS, ACCORDING TO EXCELSIOR, WERE NOT KNOWN WHEN IT WENT TO PRESS. ALSO, AS INDICATED ABOVE, EXCELSIOR DID NOT PRINT THE ENTIRE COMMUNIQUE.

4. IN PERIOD SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION REFTTEL BUT PRIOR TO ABOVE, GOM AUTHORITIES DISCLOSED PUBLICLY IT HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRESTED ANDRES MEZA ARIAS IN CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA

AND ALSO THAT IT WAS LOOKING FOR A THIRD WOMAN (NAME
UNDISCLOSED BUT NOT EITHER DURAN IBARRA OR MICTEL DIAZ)
WHO WAS "KEY" TO CASE. AUTHORITIES ATTRIBUTED KEY ROLE
THIS WOMAN TO FACT THAT COMMUNIQUE IN LEONHARDY KIDNAPPING
WERE FROM SAME SOURCE AS COMMUNIQUE IN ZUNO CASE AND THAT
UNNAMED WOMAN WAS AUTHOR OF BOTH.

5. COMMENT:

A. COMMUNICATION UNDOUBTEDLY WILL REVIVE ZUNO CASE
WHICH ALREADY HAD BEGUN TO FOLLOW PATTERN OF DWINDLING PRESS
TREATMENT AND PUBLIC ATTENTION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED FIGUEROA
CASE.

B. EXCELSIOR'S OMITTING TO PRINT FULL COMMUNICATION
AND PROFESSION OF IGNORANCE OF CONTENTS OF CASSETTE ENCLOSED IN
COMMUNIQUE WE ASSUME WAS EITHER ON DIRECT INSTRUCTION FROM GOM
AUTHORITIES OR INTERNAL DECISION TAKEN IN COGNIZANCE OF HOW GOM
WOULD WANT MATTER HANDLED.

C. GOM COMMENTS DESCRIBED PARA 4 ABOVE HAVE BEEN ONLY
OFFICIAL, ALTHOUGH INDIRECT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT COMMUNIQUE
WITH DEMANDS IN ZUNO CASE EXISTS.

D. OTHER SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS
THAT IT UNDERSCORES FRAP'S THUS FAR SUCCESSFUL EVASION OF WHAT
MUST BE THE LARGEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE MANHUNT IN RECENT
MEXICAN HISTORY.
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